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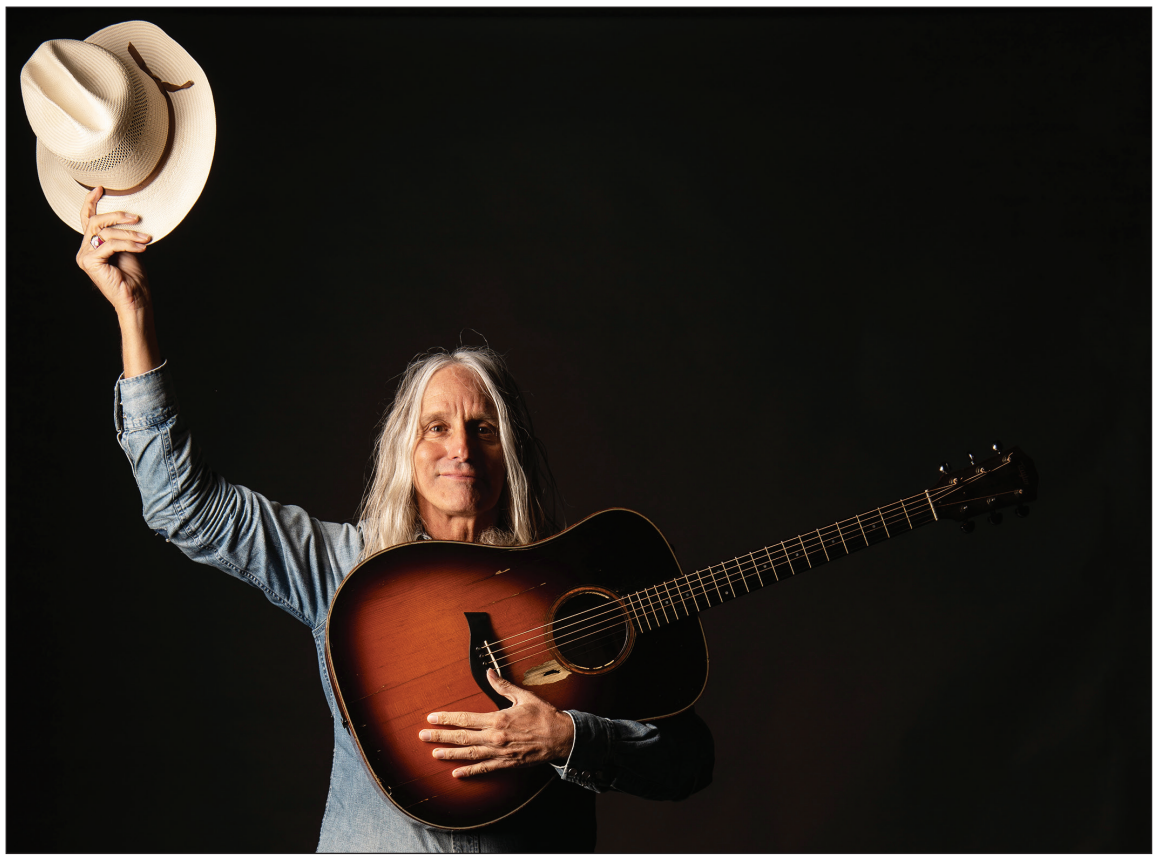

Singer, songwriter and storyteller Steve Poltz is coming, as part of the Haliburton County Folk Society concerts they facilitate. Submitted

Who Is Steve Poltz?

Steve Poltz is a singer-songwriter with an uncanny ability to connect with an audience and he's coming to the Royal Canadian Legion in Haliburton on April 23 to perform at a concert sponsored by the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS). Picture Robin Williams, armed with a guitar and extensive repertoire of songs that take you deep into moments on Poltz's journey through life.

It's hard to describe a Steve Poltz concert to the uninitiated. He opens himself up to the universe and follows its lead, even choosing the songs he performs by the feel he gets from the audience. He never creates a set list before the show. Each song comes with a preamble of a story that transports the audience into the inner world of Poltz's life. It feels like a conversation with a good friend, even in a crowded performance hall. No two concerts are ever the same, even if you happen to hear some of the same songs and stories.

Poltz loves the intimacy of home concerts and when dates did not align to engage him for the HCFS Concert Series he offered to perform in a more intimate home concert format. He ended up doing two concerts, two nights in a row to sold out in-home crowds and came back two years later to do it again. It's fascinating to watch the audience as he draws them in, enticing them with funny stories and captivating them with the songs that materialized from the experiences he described. The stories are varied. For example, you might hear about his high school wrestling days, or the time he had a stroke on stage.

Poltz is Canadian by birth, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, but moved to Palm Springs, California as a child and now resides in Nashville. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of San Diego and loves to talk about politics. He's shared the stage with, and met many big stars over the course of his life, including Elvis, Liberace and Bob Hope – and yes, there are stories to go with each of these encounters.

In the early '90s he was a founding member of a group called the Rugburns out of San Diego, California, and he still plays with them on occasion. He co-wrote the popular 1995 song, *You Were Meant For Me*, with Jewel. There is a fascinating Mexican drug bust story that goes along with this song.

In February of 2020, just as the pandemic was wending its way to North America, he was performing on a Cayamo Music Cruise out of Miami, along with a star-studded cast of other musicians including the Beach Boys. One of the highlights of the cruise was the surprise announcement of his wedding on board to which all passengers and performers were invited. He even invaded the quarters of the crew of the ship and gave an impromptu, private performance that they were talking about long after it was over. He loves to add extra value everywhere he goes.

Poltz is a master of improvisation, creating a song from almost any cues offered up by the audience. He once described the process of creation of such a tune as a layering within his brain. He sings one verse while using another part of his brain to create the next - multitasking at its most advanced. He will also throw in realistic impressions of characters in his stories, such as the announcers at a baseball game. A multi-faceted talent to say the least.

The show is apt to sell out early, so, if you're interested, go to www.haliburtonfolk.com and book your tickets for April 23.

Submitted by Marie Gage of the Haliburton County Folk Society for their monthly submission.

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Master Gardeners' 'circle check' list to start gardening

Spring - Time - Gardening

Debbie Barnhart

Special to County Life

Spring is here! Where and how does one start? It starts with asking yourself, if I am going to have a successful and enjoyable gardening season, what will I realistically have **Time** for? Here is a quick circle check, so grab a pen and start **Gardening**.

Circle all that apply:

Work:
a) full time
b) part-time
c) weekend

Time sharers:
a) children
b) pets
c)care taking
d) sports
e) entertaining
f) volunteering

To grow:
a) vegetables
b) herbs
c)flowers
d) native plants
e) fruit trees
f) shrubs

Space:
a) patio/balcony
b) deck
c) bed
d) plot
e) fence
f) lakeside
g) front yard
h) backyard

What is the minimum time commitment you can make? Minutes per day _____, then multiply by how many days per week, or just the weekend. Setting a minimum allows for the joy to take over and to spend more time in your garden. At the very least, it covers giving your plants the necessary care to thrive and produce their best for you. Plants are living things and are affected by temperature, moisture, nutrient availability, and environment to thrive and not just survive. They depend on you.

This quick "circle check" is meant to help you spring into focus. No matter how large or small, or somewhere in between, you are mapping out time for something that is important to you. If you are like most people when something is convenient and enjoyable, you will stick to it. Turn it into a job and the procrastination will grow faster than the weeds in your garden.

Now that you have completed your circle check, and you have decided your time commitment to your season of gardening, you are ready to start on your 2022 gardening journey.

Gardening is a very personal journey. It is not about right or wrong, but what we need to understand and provide our plants with. To experience success from when the first seed or plant enters the soil, to the final harvest, there are many steps. With a few strokes on your keyboard, help with your steps is available and your many questions answered when you visit the newly updated and expanded Haliburton County Master Gardener website www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

Your next step will be purchasing seeds, seedlings, plants, soil, containers, supports and so much more. Planting varieties and species that have proven successful in the Highlands are listed under the tab on the website. This is to assist with gardening needs by listing supplies and services available in our area. Getting familiar with your plant distributors will also help you network with others who can help support and share your gardening journey and get to know your growing/gardening neighbours.

Plan your garden and plant some seeds to enable you to feast on garden fresh salads this summer! Photo submitted by Debbie Barnhart.

Under the resources tab, you will find information specific to northern growers that you won't find on any other site and, some, specifically for our Highlands. Here is a sampling of articles: *Gardening*

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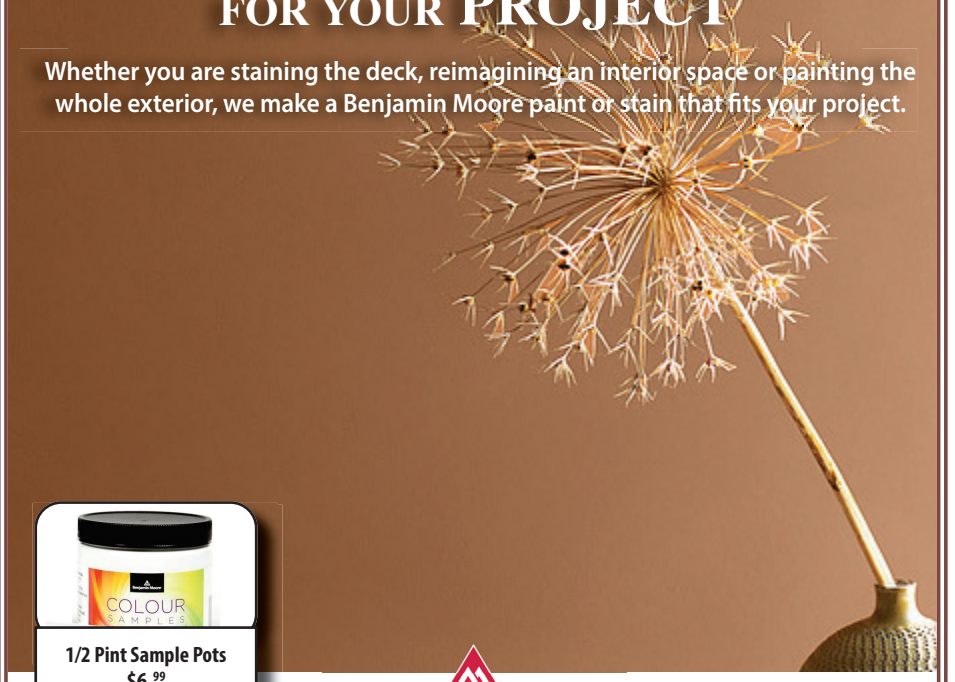

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Spring time gardening

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in Zone 4, Plants and Deer, How to Plan a Vegetable Garden, Edible Flowers and Growing Garlic, to name just a few.

Check out the events calendar under the news and events tab to see what programs interest you. Whether you are just starting out, or are a seasoned gardener, there is sure to be something for you. Look for our monthly column in this weekly publication, and listen to our *Gardening Tips* on Canoe Radio.

No matter what stage you are currently at, gardening is always at your fingertips and Haliburton County is abundant with resources and generous gardening souls to welcome and share advice and help you grow. Take the time to complete this gardening circle check with your favourite beverage, as you look out your window and plan that first planting.

Haliburton County Master Gardeners is a volunteer organization that provides horticultural advice specific to Haliburton and surrounding regions. Have your gardening questions answered or schedule an onsite consultation at www.haliburtonmastergardener.ca.

This is a monthly submission from the, Haliburton County Master Gardeners. Debbie Barnhart is the owner of Dancing Scape Farm.

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Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $500 Jackpot - last Wednesday of the month
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend.
Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Cribbage 1 p.m. start – Schofield Room
Meat draw has five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per draw. Ed Pickard, MC.
Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards.
Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw – tickets are $1 each available in the Clubroom.

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at 705-457-2571, email rcll129@outlook.com or visit haliburtonlegion.com. Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome!

Club room hours: Mon. 3 to 6 p.m., Tues. 3 to 9 p.m., Wed/Thurs. 3 to 6 p.m . Fri. 3 to 7 p.m. and Sat. 3 to 6 p.m.

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Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email darren@ haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.

Left, Tammy Nash, an area wildlife photographer, captured this barred owl close to her home in Algonquin Highlands. **Bottom**, zoomed in, area photographer Tammy Nash fills her frame with a squirrel.

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It all adds up to change

WELCOME TO "sprinter." That awkward in-between season when we still have the occasional school bus cancellation whilst garlic is simultaneously popping out of the sleepy soil. Meanwhile, we as humans are navigating the constant battle of "how many layers do we need today?"

One of the crowning features of this widely unpredictable spring/winter hybrid season is the archaeological exposure of garbage and debris.

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Special to County Life

Underneath layers of snow, crusty ice, and hardened dirt, are the sins of our winter indulgences.

Driving between Haliburton and Minden, I have spotted multiple garbage bags, a full case of Coca-Cola, and a mattress, all casually strewn on the side of the road.

I like to hope that people don't litter on purpose. I like to think that accidents happen. People make mistakes, and that garbage bag (hopefully filled with properly sorted recyclables) happened to bounce out of the back of a truck during a particularly blustery day.

Maybe it did. Who knows?

As winter melts into spring, on top of garbage in ditches, we also begin to see the Earth Day movement roll ahead. Earth Day is a highly marketable event. After all, what is one thing we all have in common? The Earth. This celebrated date literally has the most diverse and widespread audience in the … well, the world.

As millennials, a recent theme has popped up around this pseudo-holiday: greenwashing. The *Oxford English Dictionary* defines greenwashing as: "disinformation disseminated by an organization so as to present an environmentally responsible public image."

Turns out that being environmentally-friendly is cool. So cool, in fact, that it's a marketable ploy for corporations and organizations to springboard their initiatives from.

Who do we trust these days to protect our planet? As a millennial, we know we are left to take on the burden from generations of the past. And truly, that's not us laying the blame on those who walked before us. Honestly, my grandparents are incredibly active advocates for climate change in the community; they've done far more than I have by standing strong and fighting back whenever and wherever they can. Climate change is the result of so many people who either didn't know any better, or who truly didn't care enough to make a change.

Nowadays, we can all agree that we need to change. Talking to my peers, friends, and family, the one thing that is clear is that the uncertainty of the future takes a heavy toll. Celebrities are citing their reasoning for not having children is the "environmental concerns," which is incredibly valid (as are any personal reasons for not having children to be honest). Growing populations impact the climate, and really, we're not even sure what the climate will be like by the time they grow up. What world will our children live in?

We have no idea. In a world where corporations are claiming to care, and the future is fraught with fright, where do we turn?

We clean up the garbage bags on the side of the road. We do research on our purchases. We support local, wherever and whenever we can. We plant trees. We push our political representatives. We grow our own food. We read books and listen to our elders and actually care about the future. We learn. We do our best. That's what we can do.

The future is uncertain, and one grain of sand does not make a beach, but a million tiny actions can add up.

So, this Earth Day, let's do what we can. It may never feel like enough; it may be overwhelming and complicated and ambiguous, but it's ours, and we can make the most of it. No matter how big or small, let's turn our sand into beaches.

Top 10 reasons why mud puddles are useful

A lot of people (mostly pedestrians) look upon those huge spring puddles as a bad thing. But that's only because they are pedestrians. There is a bright side to them too. Here are the top 10 reasons why puddles are useful too.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. It's dog's version of a spa.
2. They can hide the really deep pot holes
3. If you stock one with trout, you have a secret fishing spot.
4. Great place for canoeing practice.
5. Great place to check if your waders leak.
6. Just wade in and you can get rid of that ketchup stain on your pants.
7. If you have one on the lawn you can tell everyone you have an inground pool.
8. Ducks love them.
9. Keeps pedestrians on their toes.
10. Good place for your goldfish's vacation.

STARTING WITH STICKS

Suddenly now
And it happens all years:
Begins on the night
That the snow disappears

Windows dare open
My sleeping gets sound
Yard whispers noise
As a bear sniffs around

I in the morning
Have tidiness zeal
Head to the garden
To offer a deal:

If it stays burgeoning
Free of fresh ice
I could respect this
And make it look nice

Starting with sticks
On the lawns over-strewn
Stormy north winter
Did mightily prune

Every old pine
Creaking maple and beech
Dropped semi-branches
My hands aim to reach

In a wheelbarrow
I'll cart what I glean
Back to a bonfire
Sizzle serene

Such are the habits
Of April and May
Energy's high
There is more to a day

Even if weather
Believed it could trick:
Spat some weak snowflakes
They'd melt super quick

Calendar tells me
Dreams already know
Spring's truly staying
'Cause night told me so.

By Deborah J. Reed

Springing in

Clouds started bunching and layered the west
Six o'clock sun wore a veil
Rather than spilling hot gold on the hills
Dusk played a spookier scale

Speckled with charcoal frontiers of a storm
Rain thickened sections of sky
Some nimbus giant grabbed mystical comb
Pulled swirling whiskers up high

As it grew darker and folk went inside
Clouds played regardless in wind
Painted invisible sketches and shapes
Heavens both thickened and thinned

Starlings knew evening was shifting its mood
Quickly as pit crew swaps tires
Season was mumbling, nights turning mild
Cusp where old timing conspires

Juxtaposition of dry leaves and new
Dead ones were melting to soil
Green, tiny voices through wee hours swelled
So from blank twigs they'd uncoil

Creatures and children can't sleep quite the same
Something's alive in the air
Almost a dream or a poem or song
Welcoming April's fanfare

By Deborah J. Reed

Get to know the Huskies: Will Gourgouvelis

ALEX GALLACHER

Special to *County Life*

Haliburton County Huskies Will Gourgouvelis leads a trio of 2003 born defenceman on the team. The player from Whitby has apirations to play professional hockey and sees the OJHL as stepping stone for his dream. /FILE DARREN LUM Staff

The Haliburton County Huskies have had a great defensive corps comprised of the savvy vets Isaac Sooklal and Nate Porter, the offensive expert Simon Rose and the hometown boy Ryan Hall. However, the youth movement is alive and well with its blueliners, who are Jack Staniland, Jonah Cochrane and Will Gourgouvelis.

The three players born in 2003 have been filling the scoresheets this season, but the leader among them has been Gourgouvelis with three goals and 15 points. For Gourgouvelis, playing in the OJHL (Ontario Junior Hockey League) has been a dream come true as pro hockey has always been a career aspiration for the Whitby native.

After getting his start playing for the Whitby Wildcats AAA program, he ventured over to the Ajax Raiders for his under-18 career before landing with the Fury for the COVID shortened season. Impressing Huskies' general manager and head coach Ryan Ramsay, Gourgouvelis was immediately offered a spot on the brand new Huskies team upon the completion of tryouts.

"Ever since I was young my parents put me on skates," Gourgouvelis said. "I grew up in Whitby and played most of my minor hockey there. Last year, I was approached by Ryan Ramsay who wanted me to join the team back when they were in Whitby. I played eight exhibition games during the COVID year and when the team was going to be moved I was really excited and it's been amazing so far."

Since the team moved, it has enjoyed a bevy of fan support from the Highlands' faithful unlike most other teams in the league. During the time after games during the back half of the season, young fans have been swarming the dressing room to get pucks, broken sticks and

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Storm strike success

The Highland Storm under-nine hockey team finished their 2021-22 season on a high as tier two tournament champions, as organized by the Victoria Durham Minor Hockey League held from March 26 to 27 in Ennismore. Maddex Reynolds, front row, from left, Fynnley Miscio, Madison DeCarlo and Colby Hogg. Blake Little, back row, from left, Bobby Walker, Chase Casey, Carter McCord, Liam Scheffee, Austin Cunningham, Rowen Maddock and William Brown. The team's coaching staff include Erin Fearrey, back row, from left, Ben DeCarlo, Ryan Scheffee, Chris Little and Jer Miscio. The team finished the tournament 2-1-1. Submitted by Vicky Miscio

Working to a dream

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other various autographs. For Gourgouvelis, this hasn't been something he is used to with his experience, but to have the NHL treatment in his first season of Junior A is very special.

"The fans here have been amazing," Gourgouvelis added. "It always adds to your game knowing you'll be playing in front of a big group of people. The experience is amazing and I can't wait to get back on the ice."

Being a defensemen is different than being on a forward line, as defenders only have one partner, as opposed to two. There have been some iconic defence pairings in the NHL over the years. Take for example, Nicklas Lidstrom and Brian Rafalski of the Detroit Red Wings. Although Gourgouvelis has had a few different partners during the season, he seems to have settled in with Staniland.

Chemistry is important for a good defence and Gourgouvelis has loved the vibe in the dressing room and on the ice, which is unlike anything he has experienced before.

"It's important to know your partner really well," Gourgouvelis said. "It's even more important because everyone lives up here. Everyone billets, so it gave us the chance to gel and bond really closely. We hang out with the teammates a lot and it really helps the chemistry and brings our team closer together."

Gourgouvelis billets by himself with host family, Jim and Cheryl Waddell. Being relatively far from home for the first time in his career, the Waddell family have opened their doors to him to make him feel very much at home. When asked about who he wanted to give a special thanks to for the season, Gourgouvelis simply said, "I want to thank my billet family for everything they have done."

Having two more years of eligibility left, Gourgouvelis plans to continue his quest to play hockey at the next level. He doesn't seem to mind where that next level comes, whether it be the OHL (Ontario Hockey League), NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association – US colleges), Europe or even the NHL, Gourgouvelis just wants to continue to play the game he loves. Most importantly, he wants to remain with the Huskies for the 2022/23 season pending any postseason trades.

Playing in a small town has been a fun experience for the rookie, and with the small town vibe it often leads to being noticed in public. With the team being a focal point of the community, it has led to the players becoming local celebrities in the Highlands. For Gourgouvelis, he definitely loves interacting with the fans both inside and outisde the arena.

"It's really special," Gourgouvelis concluded. "It makes you feel like a celebrity and just shows how great the people in this town are. They are so nice and so good at making us feel really welcomed."

As the playoffs loom ever so much closer, look for No.21 to be manning the blue line, creating plays and practising his juggling skills off the ice.

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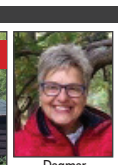
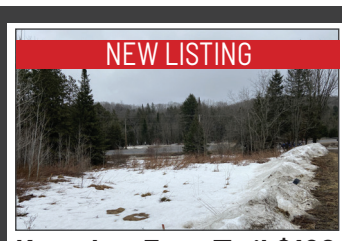


Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Kushog Lake $1,150,000

- Log 3 season cottage on over 4 acres
- West facing waterfront, deep off dock
- Flat shared driveway off municipal road



Andy Campbell
854-0292

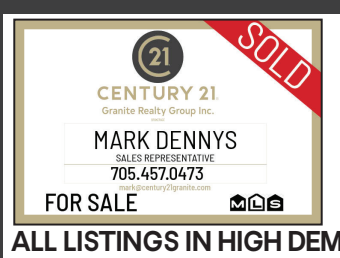
Kernohan Farm Trail $120,000

- .68 acre building lot
- Just off of Hwy 35
- Close to town

Gloria Carnochan* & Brean Budel*
754-1932

Thinking about selling?

- Wondering what your property is worth?
- Let's chat about the current increase in value!



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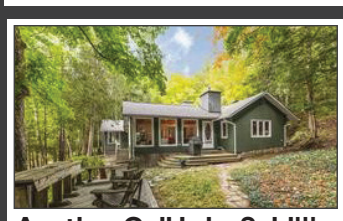

Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 226

Another Gull Lake Sold!!!

It's been an outstanding past year for very happy Gull Lake Buyers and Sellers. I will welcome all your inquires regarding your real estate needs on this lake and of course, Haliburton and the Kawartha Lakes. It's spring let's get started!

Lindsay Elder**
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Denna Lake $699,900

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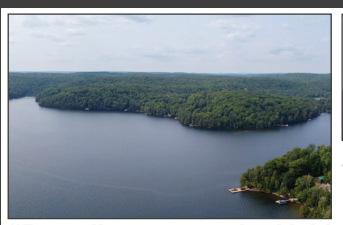
- Open concept with 3 bedrooms, 3-PC bath
- Western EXP with breathtaking sunsets
- 135' sand beach, 2 docks & private boat launch



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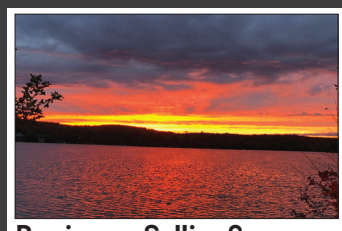

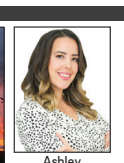

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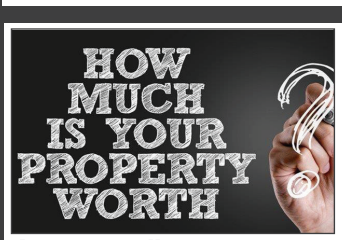

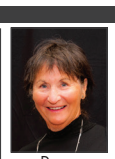

Donna McCallum*
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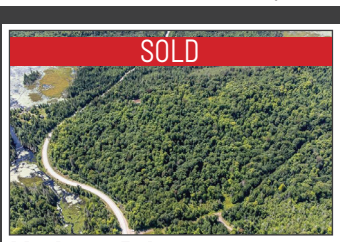
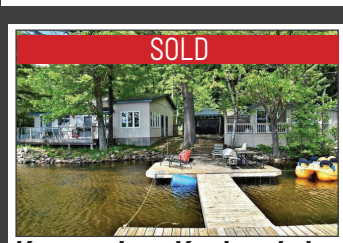


Brandon Nimigon***
457-2128 x 127

Harburn Rd

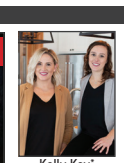
- 17 vacant lots over 47acres
- 1.91 acres to 4.92 acres
- Registered Plan of Subdivision
- Close to town



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Kanawa Ln - Kushog Lake

- Charming 4 Season cottage, bunkie + detached garage w/loft.
- Spectacular Rippled Sand Shoreline, South Exposure, 2-Lake chain



Kelly Kay*
705-457-6841
Kirsten Rae*
705-854-1454

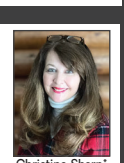
Gainforth Road

- Stunning custom home on 3.9 acres
- 3300 sq ft 5 bedroom 4 bathroom
- Very private setting w/ pond
- Record Sale For Non-WF Residential

Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Tory Hill

- $199,000
- 20 Acres With Driveway
- Adjoining Crown Land



Christine Sharp*
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Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 128

1087 Wonderland Rd

- Fantastic family home, 5 min from Haliburton
- Very private with lots of improvements
- Paved driveway, attached garage
- Access to Kashagawigamog Lk

Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 232

Haliburton Home $1,450,000

- Spectacular, custom-built Haliburton home
- 5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, including 2 apartments
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- Stothart Creek, a sought-after subdivision

Lindsay Wilkinson*
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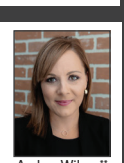
Twelve Mile Lake

- Stunning views
- Great boating
- Newly renovated



Andrea Wilson**
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Chalet Rd

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Local Landmark Mystery

Local Landmark reveal! Our local landark this week is the visual arts installation, "Sun/Village" in the village of Gooderham. Created by John Leonard, the installation is a memorial to the Hunters Sawmill and its effect on the community. The large sawblade featured in the sculpture was in use until it was made part of the installation. The large water turbine was part of the original mill. The installation is located in Glamorgan park, which features a large playground, a river walk, and is just a few minutes walk from the Pioneer Cemetary. It's a great local destination for an essential walk. Photo courtesy of Thom Lambert

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The Municipality of Highlands East
Is Currently Seeking An
Full-Time By-Law Enforcement Officer

Situated on the Eastern side of Haliburton County, Highlands East covers 758 square kilometers with over 70 lakes, pristine scenery and is only a 2.5 hour drive from the Greater Toronto Area. Highlands East is a predominately rural community and is comprised of the amalgamation of the Townships of Bicroft, Cardiff, Glamorgan and Monmouth as of 2001. The hamlets of Cardiff, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill and Gooderham are our settlement areas.

Reporting to the CAO/Treasurer, the By-law Enforcement Officer will be responsible for enforcement of municipal by-laws, investigating complaints regarding by-law breaches both during regular work hours and after hours as requested.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a post-secondary education in the field of law enforcement or equivalent; minimum two (2) years of Municipal Law Enforcement work experience; proficient computer and record management skills; strong oral and written communications skills; good understanding of Municipal By-Laws, the Provincial Offences Act and other related legislation.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated team of municipal professionals, applications **clearly marked "Application – By-law Enforcement Officer"** may be submitted on or before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 via mail, in person, fax or email. Interested applicants may submit their resume, including references, in confidence to:

Shannon Hunter, CAO/Treasurer
Municipality of Highlands East
P.O. Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
Wilberforce, ON K0L 3C0
Fax: 705-448-2532 E-Mail: shunter@highlandseast.ca

A copy of the detailed job description is available upon request or on our website at www.highlandseast.ca

We thank all applicants for their interest but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

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Reporting to the Deputy CAO/Treasurer, the Tax Collector will be responsible for the collection of taxes for the Municipality. The Tax Collector will oversee the day-to-day tax collection functions and performs the statutory duties of the Tax Collector as defined in the Municipal Act.

The municipality is seeking an individual with a minimum of five (5) years' experience within a Municipal setting, at least two of which are in tax collection; minimum of two (2) years' recent Municipal Financial or related experience; Municipal Tax Administration Program; post-secondary education, with discipline in finance or accounting, or related combination of education and experience; completion of Municipal Finance and Accounting course; general knowledge of Municipal accounting software, principles and practices and A.M.C.T.O. designation preferred.

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Local Landmark Mystery

The following are images of a local landmark. Try to guess what the landmark is and look for the reveal in next week's *County Life*. Concept and images from Thom Lambert, who shares informative posts about things to see and do in the Highlands through @myhaliburtonhighlands on Instagram. /Submitted by Thom Lambert

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The Municipality of Highlands East is currently recruiting students for summer employment for 2022.

If you are currently enrolled in secondary school or a post-secondary program and returning to school in September 2022 you are encouraged to apply for an opportunity.

The following various positions are available with the municipality:

- (1), Parks & Recreation Attendants (Parks & Property Department)
- (1), Information Centre Student (Economic Development Department)
- (1), Summer Landfill Attendants (Public Works Department)
- (4), Lifeguards (Pool & Beach Summer Swim Program – 8 weeks)
- (1) Swim Program Coordinator

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Most positions listed above are available from the beginning of June through to the end of August for a total of 16 weeks.

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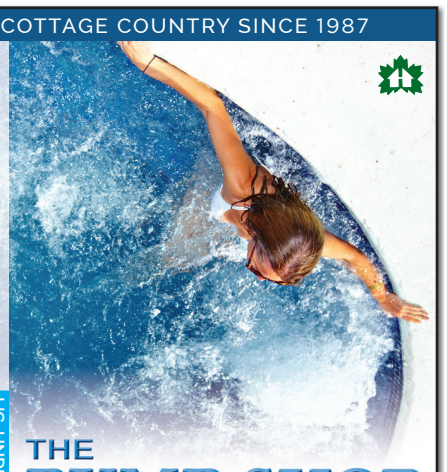

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'YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS IN SCHOOL...': Minister of Education Sean Conway reminisced about the days when he played with plasticine during a chat with Grade 1 student Chad Pentney on a tour through Archie Stouffer's primiary school on Friday. Chad was a bit bewildered by all the attention.

School tour a lesson on over-crowding for minister

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Although Sean Conway left without making any promises, board of education officials are giving him an A for effort after the education minister got a first-hand view of over-crowded schools in Haliburton County.

In a tour Friday organized by MPP John Eakins, Conway visited the Archie Stouffer Elementary school annex at the former IGA store, drove past Archie Stouffer, climbed down the fire escape at Victoria Street School and saw what happens when you put a college campus and kindergarten classes in the same small building.

"I can make no commitment today," Conway said at an informal gathering at the board office after the tour. "I don't want to be cavalier. I promised I'd come and look and listen and I did that.

"I can't offer a quick resolution today. There's no question some of the facilities will have to be examined. But my data base is now much more strong and I will be meeting with my officials and getting back to you in the not-too-distant future.

"Like General McArthur, I will return."

Because he grew up in Barry's Bay, just north-east of the county, Conway says he understands the challenges facing rural school boards. "I'm sensitive to the distance factors" and seeing the accommodation problems himself "has been very useful."

Yet once more, Conway underlined his address by adding "I don't want to raise unrealistic expectations."

Schools in Minden and Haliburton are bursting at the seams. Minden kindergarten and Grade 1 students are in the old IGA store—the lease expires next year—and Archie Stouffer Elementary School is still crowded.

Kindergarten classes in Haliburton are held at the Sir Sandford Fleming College Lakeview Campus, a building owned by the board of education but recently sold to the college. More students at Victoria Street School means more students enrolling at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. And with more Grade 8 students graduating from Archie Stouffer and Hodgson Elementary, the high school will be pressed for space.

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The problems will only magnify when the primary schools have to start offering Junior Kindergarten.

At present, the education ministry funds 28 per cent of the local board's costs. The rest is raised through municipal taxes. The board has asked for capital funds to build more schools, but the ministry turned the request down.

"Haliburton is a very large rural county with considerable distances to travel," Conway said in a brief interview with the *Echo*.

"There's no question some of the facilities are not ideal. I'll do everything I possibly can to work with the board to meet those needs... The board's been very straight with me and I didn't come to make big promises. I want to be fair and responsive."

"They can always find a few extra dollars if they really want to help us," board of education chairman Len Salvatori told the *Echo*. He was pleased with the tour.

At the gathering, there was a great deal of *bonhomie*—"Lennie and friends," Conway began his short speech. This rapport had been enhanced by a chance meeting Salvatori had with Conway a few weeks ago. Salvatori recognized Conway in the Sutton Place lobby in Toronto, and proceeded to lobby the politician for 45 minutes.

But until Conway was actually here to view the situation himself, Salvatori says "he had no idea of what we were talking about. Now he knows the situation and it's up to them whether they'll help us out."

"We know that John Eakins has influenced the fact that Sean is up here. He's really supportive," says trustee Wendy Ladurantaye, who adds the board has also "been working behind the scenes" to convince the ministry to approve building projects. (The board has not yet decided where, and what grade school, to build.)

The board also wants Conway's help with a technicality over the Lakeview building. Ministry policy says boards must wait 10 years to build new schools after selling old buildings. This is to prevent boards from "upgrading" their schools without need.

However, local trustees argue, the

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Dysart discusses draft of budget; 10% rise expected

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

A few changes will be made to Dysart et al's preliminary municipal budget, but Reeve Bill Davis is determined to keep the tax increase below 10 per cent.

"It's pretty hard to keep it at nine per cent," Davis admitted after fellow council members went over his budget with a fine-tooth comb Monday. "It's like trying to do a million dollars work with $500,000."

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the municipality's previous reeve, noted some omissions and errors in the draft budget. "There were a lot of things touched on that were left out," he said after the discussion.

Davis reminded Fearrey that the budget is only preliminary. Since this is his first term as reeve and his first shot at drafting the budget, Monday's discussion was aimed at correcting any mistakes. "We'll have to do some arrangements and fine-tuning," he said.

In discussing a first draft of the municipality's budget in public, Davis was trying a different approach in his new role as reeve. Whereas budget deliberations are normally held in closed meetings, Davis later told *The Echo* he'd like to see a more open council. However, Davis added he may have been wrong in opening the discussion.

Instructing each councillor to discuss with their committees any suggested revisions for the draft, Davis asked that council meet again next week to try and finalize the budget.

Council must still deal with pending levies from the county and the board of education.

But in drawing up the municipal budget, Councillor Fearrey pointed out that council can't pass the buck in accounting for tax increases. "We can't blame this thing on the provincial government. It's all right here on our laps."

Davis agreed. "It's time we cleaned up our own house, instead of blaming everything on the federal and provincial governments."

Meanwhile, there are a few setbacks council must face in drafting this year's budget, such as a decrease in tax arrears collected, and a $79,000 loss in commercial assessment after the folding of G.W. Martin's sawmill.

A few projects planned include restructuring of some sidewalks and building of wheelchair ramps in Haliburton Village, installation of new traffic lights at the intersection of Highland and Maple, and replacement of street lights to a more energy-efficient type (story on that elsewhere in this paper).

Also, Councillor Dorothy Baker suggested extra money be budgeted to replace the bridge at Head Lake Park, rather than just fix it as the draft indicated. "It should be rebuilt," said Baker. "It's much to steep going down. Someone will get hurt."

Snowdon might restrict hobby livestock numbers

by SUSAN GROBER
Staff Reporter

To prevent angry neighbours from making a stink, Snowdon Township is attempting to limit livestock on small "hobby" farms.

A draft bylaw was drawn up to alleviate any problems with the housing of animals and handling of manure which may arise when hobby farms are run on small properties in residential areas. On Monday, council heard the public's reaction to the proposed bylaw which regulates the number of livestock allowed.

Loosely based on guidelines provided in the Agricultural Code of Practice, the bylaw sets out the number of animal units permitted on each acre of land on properties which are between five and 50 acres. The following constitute *one animal unit*: one horse, or one horse plus foal; one bull; one steer; five rabbits (excluding pets); five poultry; four goats; one cow, or one cow plus calf; four sheep; five hogs; or five mink.

The bylaw also provides setbacks for structures used to house animals, manure storage or feedlots. These must be set 300 feet from any pre-existing adjacent building, 150 feet from the road, and 100 feet from any lot line.

Most of the ratepayers present found no problem with council trying to regulate livestock, but took exception to rules restricting the number of smaller animals.

"Five rabbits are kept in a cage

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A BUNNY FOR EASTER...

Two-year-old Jennifer Miller knew exactly what she wanted Laura Johnson to buy her at the Branch 129 Ladies Auxiliary Flea Market on Saturday. This bunny was just one of the hundreds of things for sale at the popular bazaar.

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